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MEMORANDUM

Administrators, Renal Dialysis Facilities

FROM: Alan Samuels, Director
Division of Health Licensing



SUBJECT: Application of Regulation 61-97

Regulation 61-97, Standards For Licensing Renal Dialysis Facilities. Section 403.B.3, requires documentation of a physician's visit at least weekly. A week is considered Monday through Saturday, and as long as a visit to each patient is made on one of those days, each week, the standard will be considered met.

Section 405.B requires that telephone or verbal orders are to be signed and dated by the prescribing physician or designated physician(s) within 72 hours. The signature of the physician or designated physician(s) within 72 hours is still a requirement and cannot be waived; however, it is allowable for someone other than the physician to indicate the date the order was signed.

If there are questions regarding the above, please call (803) 737-7202.

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